

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following headings above line 5 on page 1 as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading above line 10 on page 1 as follows:

DISCUSSION OF THE BACKGROUND

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 25-32, as follows:

PCT International Application WO-A1-01/09459 discloses a fastening element for double-glazing plates, said element consisting of a threaded bolt having, at ~~[[its]]~~ a front end thereof, an expansion cone onto which a ring-shaped expansion element is slipped for the purpose of expansion in a hole in the rear glass plate, said hole being back-tapered in the region of its bottom.

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, line 33 to page 2, line 5, as follows:

Such a device has the drawback that, while the glass plates provided with holes having such back tapers are being heat treated, high stresses are created in the region of the fillet that joins the bottom of these holes to the frustoconical side wall emerging in the surface of the glass plate and flaring out toward the bottom of the holes. These high stresses may result in defective plates that have to be scrapped after the heat treatment or in which, while they are being mounted or subsequent to their use, ~~develop~~ faults are developed such as cracks.

Please insert the following heading above line 11 on page 2 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading at line 15 on page 5 as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 21-37, as follows:

According to other embodiments, one example of which, specific to furniture, is shown in figure 4, this plate, especially made of a brittle material of the glass type, may constitute a wall cladding element, an interior furnishing, a wall or partition, a piece of furniture or any other wall. Connecting elements 22, 23, 24 (e.g., a hinge, spacer, junction or the like, accessory support, etc.) which can be seen in figure 4 comprise, at one of their free ends 24, 25, 26, at least one insert 8 according to the invention designed to be mounted within a hole made in said plate, the assembly for mounting the furniture being immobilized by means of the connecting elements 22, 23, 24 and the inserts 8 that connect the components together. Of course, these connecting components may be mounted on the inside and/or on the outside of the furniture.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 13-15, as follows:

The internal face of the wall 9 has, near the bottom 10, a peripheral recess [[at]] 15, the rest of the internal face of the [[said]] wall 9 having an internal thread 16.